

**ST. GEORGE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 26, 2015, 4:00 P.M.  
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

**PRESENT:**

**Mayor Jon Pike  
Councilmember Gil Almquist  
Councilmember Jimmie Hughes  
Councilmember Michele Randall  
Councilmember Joe Bowcutt  
Councilmember Bette Arial  
City Manager Gary Esplin  
City Attorney Shawn Guzman  
City Recorder Christina Fernandez**

**OPENING:**

Mayor Pike called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Councilmember Hughes and the invocation was led by Reverend Alex Wilkie.

**PRESENTATION FROM THE CEC:**

Support Services Manager Marc Mortensen explained that the City partners with the CEC through an interlocal agreement with neighboring cities as well as other entities in the County. They do a lot more than record City Council meetings. The City contributes to the CEC in two ways; through franchise charges with Baja and it pay \$1 per capita. Those funds are earmarked for specific purposes. He then introduced Marcus Farnsworth, the executive producer.

Mr. Farnsworth showed a short video showing some of the things they have been shooting. He has been with the CEC for just over a year. They offer advertising space, production services and coverage of special events. They can shoot two live events at the same time. Additionally, they can highlight events to allow for advertisement. Their goals are to cover three live events at once, have more community programming, and to increase their distribution. They are currently on Baja channel 22 as well as southernutahlive.com, but they wish to expand. He hopes to have services with devices such as ROKU and Apple TV. They utilize students and staff from Dixie State University to shoot events.

City Manager Gary Esplin explained that this program started with high school students. It began to get information out to the community and to show the residents what the City is all about. They can go to different divisions of the City to show what services are being done.

Mr. Mortensen stated that the CEC has gone through some restructuring over the past couple of years. They are trying to think beyond cable television.

**PRESENTATION FROM MATT KANENWISHER, UTAH YOUTH RUGBY GIRLS DIVISION COORDINATOR:**

Boyd Kanenwisher thanked the City Council for their time. He mentioned that he coaches a local girls' team and Matt is here representing the Utah Youth Rugby Association. Rugby is one of the fastest growing sports in Utah with two top ranked girls' teams. USA Rugby has contacted Utah Youth Rugby to start recruiting for them. Both he and Matt are involved in girls' teams. St. George has one of the best programs in the state. Because this is not high school anchored, they are trying to find facilities to host games.

Matt Kanenwisher provided a PowerPoint presentation handout. Their goal is to try to be a valued partner. With regard to the SunBowl, they are not asking for a fee waiver. In fact, they could help with fundraising efforts to improve the facility. He continued with his presentation covering the following topics: Rugby in America; Utah Youth Rugby; UYR – Operations; UYR – Other Issues; UYR – Girls; UYR – Girls and Youth Needs.

Mayor Pike asked City Attorney Shawn Guzman if staff could prepare an agreement similar to the Zion Lions agreement.

Matt explained the return to play document for players with concussions. He continued with his PowerPoint presentation covering the following topics: UYR – Girls Will. Games are typically once a week. In the fall during the 7's season, games are 15 minutes long so they play several games throughout the day. The impact on the field would be less than that of a football team. He then spoke about possible action items including drafting an MOU. They can raise money for possible improvements at the Sunbowl. Additionally, they will comply with concessions. Rugby games could be held approximately 12-15 days a year.

Boyd mentioned that Matt also heads up a girl's all-star team that can also use the SunBowl. They can always put more games in there. One game was held there that had about 300 spectators. He explained that the problem with the goal posts that are already in place is that the ball is not dead in the end zone. They have portable posts that are pounded in with a t-stake.

Mayor Pike commented that if the Council would like to proceed, the Kanenwisher's can work with Legal and Parks to make this a long term arrangement.

Parks Manager Larry Shane stated that the grass is holding up okay. The most wear and tear comes from the futsal games. At this time, the field is booked four nights a week.

Boyd explained that his team practices at Christensen Park. The only problem there is the water boxes down the middle of the field. If the water boxes were removed, this field could work long term as well.

Mayor Pike stated that the Council will discuss this and he asked them to work with Mr. Shane.

**PRESENTATION FROM LAURIE MANGUM, ENERGY SERVICES DIRECTOR, ON THE FUTURE RESOURCES:**

Energy Services Director Laurie Mangum provided some handouts covering the following topics: a memorandum from Ms. Mangum to City Manager Gary Esplin regarding Natural Gas Pre Purchases MGF; List of Transactions; and Load Projection. She stated that they plan for 70% of the load to be covered at all times with our base.

City Manager Gary Esplin stated that there have been previous discussions on other resources and projects including a small nuclear plant with UAMPS. There is no commitment at this point.

Ms. Mangum explained that it is \$200,000 to start and millions after that.

Councilmember Bowcutt commented when he was first elected, there were concerns with transmission costs.

Ms. Mangum advised transmission cost go up all the time.

City Manager Gary Esplin explained that transmission costs in the past were charged until PacifiCorp completed all of the transmission lines. When power was generated by the City, there was no charge; now there is a charge whether the City generates the power or not. It is a fixed cost. Another generator can be built at the Millcreek Facility. The City is good for the next eight years or so. He advised if the Lake Powell Pipeline is not built, either growth needs to be shut off or another water source would have to be found. If the Lake Powell pipeline is a water source then power generation could be built and brought into the system.

Mayor Pike mentioned that the decision on the Lake Powell Pipeline is about three years out

City Manager Gary Esplin asked for a motion to agree with forward purchases of gas.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Councilmember Arial to agree with the forward purchases of gas.

**SECOND:** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Almquist.

**VOTE:** Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye  
Councilmember Hughes – aye  
Councilmember Randall – aye  
Councilmember Bowcutt – aye  
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION:**

**Consider approval of a resolution amending the St. George Marathon fees.**

City Manager Gary Esplin advised that the resolution is to officially adopt the fees that are currently being charged. Every time a fee is charged, a resolution needs need to be passed. These items were contained within revenues in last year's budget resolution.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Councilmember Almquist to the resolution adopting fees for the St. George Marathon dated March 26, 2015.

**SECOND:** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bowcutt.

**VOTE:** Mayor Pike called for a roll call vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye  
Councilmember Hughes – aye  
Councilmember Randall – aye  
Councilmember Bowcutt – aye  
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER:**

Councilmember Arial provided updates on the financials for the Children's Museum as well as donations they have recently received. She mentioned future exhibits.

City Manager Gary Esplin provided an update on the restrooms at the Children's Museum.

Councilmember Arial mentioned that the Children's Museum entered into an agreement with SwitchPoint for an area to work on training parents on how to live and to allow the children to learn in the museum. Additionally she mentioned that the Art Around the Corner reception is tomorrow evening and the Arts Commission met this morning. She is confused by all of the committees with regards to the RAP tax.

Councilmember Randall mentioned that that Arbor Day celebration will take place on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. The Veteran's Committee is grateful for the City's for Brigit Cantrell and the Vietnam wall. Additionally, she mentioned the Doctor's Volunteer Clinic gala will be held on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Pike mentioned that the City is hosting a Pickleball tournament at the Little Valley courts.

Councilmember Almquist asked for an update on recycling.

Mayor Pike advised that Neil Schwendiman sent a link that will be available on the City's websites. Additionally, Mr. Schwendiman is working on costs.

Councilmember Almquist mentioned that the Mosquito Abatement will discuss concerns that water is low in the Virgin River. Additionally, they are worried about it being a bigger mosquito season than originally thought.

Mayor Pike mentioned that he attended the Air Quality meeting. There is now a second air quality monitor. They will start having monthly data on what this monitor tracks. Matt Loo and Mr. Swensen attended the meeting and provided reports. He asked that Mr. Swensen keep providing updates.

Councilmember Almquist commented that Mayor Pike assigned the Councilmembers to look at codes. When looking at them, it would be nice to have access to Code Enforcement Officers to see what they are seeing in the field.

Ed Baca, citizen, stated that he received a call from a gentleman in Little Valley. The gypsum mining is taking place during night hours. They are concerned if the mining is happening at that time.

Mayor Pike mentioned that he will follow up with Mr. Swensen. He stated the Legal Department has hard copies of the code enforcement ordinance for each of the Councilmembers. They could follow up with staff individually.

Councilmember Bowcutt mentioned that at the Planning Commission meeting, Smith's request was pulled from the agenda. He believes they will return with a request for a PD-C.

Councilmember Hughes stated that he has no updates. He mentioned he received a request to rename 400 East to Flood Street.

Mayor Pike asked City Manager Gary Esplin if the Council needs to speak about a potential race.

City Manager Gary Esplin advised it is out of the City's hands. He does not know if they want it announced at this time.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to adjourn to a closed session to discuss property and pending litigation.

**SECOND:** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Arial.

**VOTE:** Mayor Pike called for a roll call vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye  
Councilmember Hughes – aye  
Councilmember Randall – aye  
Councilmember Bowcutt – aye  
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The meeting then reconvened.

City Manager Gary Esplin advised that the Zion Lions provided him with a proposal to remove the corals at the SunBowl. He outlined the cost and mentioned that they are asking the City to cover \$25,000.

The consensus of the Councilmembers is to move forward.

Councilmember Almquist mentioned the next liability on highways is at the east side of 100 South and River Road.

Mayor Pike stated that Public Works Director Cameron Cutler may have to look at the area.

**ADJOURN:**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Councilmember Almquist to adjourn.

**SECOND:** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bowcutt.

**VOTE:** Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye

Councilmember Hughes – aye

Councilmember Randall – aye

Councilmember Bowcutt - aye

Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.